Scheme for construction of houses in NER

1869. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes which are being implemented for construction of houses in the rural and sub-rural areas in North-East Region, particularly in Assam;

(b) what is the cost of construction of each such unit; and

(c) the total allocation made for this scheme in Assam indicating the details of utilisation made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) under which assistance is provided for the construction of houses for rural BPL families in all States/Union Territories including the State of Assam except Delhi and Chandigarh.

(b) Under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), present ceiling of assistance for construction of new houses is Rs. 25,000/- per unit for the plain areas and Rs. 27,500/- per unit for the hilly/difficult areas, which is applicable with effect from 1.4.2004. The upper limit in respect of conversion of *kutcha* houses into semi/*pucca* houses (Upgradation) is Rs. 12,500/- per unit, which is also applicable from 1st April, 2004.

(c) During the current financial year 2005-06, against the Central allocation of Rs. 20994.23 lakh, an amount of Rs. 10387.19 lakh has been released as 1st instalment under the IAY to the State of Assam.

Anomalies in FFWP

1870. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food for Work Programme (FFWP) is implemented in all selected districts;

(b) if so, the details of funds allotted and utilised, number of villages selected, daily wage fixed as on today, district-wise, category-wise and State-wise;

(c) if so, whether daily wage fixed in FFWP in any State is less than the national minimum;

(d) whether the wage and rate fixed for work is lower to that of rate fixed for same work in manual for Government contractors;

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal to raise cash component of FFWP; and

(f) the details of steps to be taken to rectify the above anomalies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The NFFWP is being implemented in identified 150 most backward districts of the Country.

(b) to (f) The information is being collected.

PMGSY in Eastern U.P.

†1871. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has been abolished or withheld for some days;

(b) if so, the justification therefor;

(c) if not, the reasons for not including any new road of various districts in Eastern Uttar Pradesh in this plan during the last one year;

(d) whether Government are aware that the roads recommended for Azamgarh, Mau and Sultanpur districts in the year 2003-04 have not been constructed so far; and

(e) the reasons for not yet starting the construction of Galibaha-Chamurkha-Jafrapur road in Sultanpur district despite the finalisation of its tender?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Rural Development has cleared proposals for

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